

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,278,941 to Yokoyama ("Yokoyama"). Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the cited reference.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 comprises a control section that determines if a communication line between a communication section and an information center is established. In response to determining that the communication line is not established, the control section instructs the communication section to establish the connection line and instructs the measurement section to measure the current position after the communication line is established.

Yokoyama discloses a present position detecting portion 104 and a car side communication portion 108. The present position detecting portion 104 measures the current position of a car, and the car side communication portion 108 communicates with a center apparatus 150. However, the reference does not teach a control section that determines if a communication line is established and that instructs the present position detecting portion 104 to measure the current position of the car in response to determining that the communication line is established. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the reference.

B. Claim 2

Since claim 2 depends upon claim 1, Applicants submit that it is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

C. Claims 3-6

Since claims 3-6 contain features that are analogous to the features discussed above in conjunction with in claim 1, Applicants submit that they are patentable for at least similar reasons.

D. Newly added claims

Applicants have added new claims 7 and 8. Since claim 7 contains features that are similar to the features discussed above in conjunction with in claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 7 is patentable for at least similar reasons. Also, since claim 8 depends upon claim 7, Applicants submit that it is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

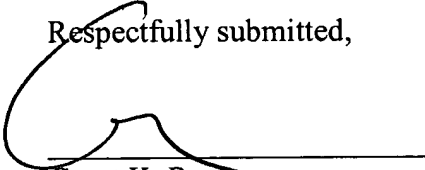
E. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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